

REMARKS

Responsive to the final rejection mailed August 20, 2008, the Examiner will appreciate that the claims have been limited by further defining the device model agent functionality beyond the mere communication modules suggested by Mandal et al. The Examiner is encouraged to review specification pages 15-18 for an appreciation of the antecedent support for the new claim language. More particularly, the subject Device Model Agent (DMA) is a feature of the subject embodiment that takes an active role in solutions offerings, and works in coordination with distributed solutions available from a server 310 at the supplier 300, preferably communicated through an internet-type system (Fig. 1). The claims more particularly define this "active" role that the DMA services comprise by monitoring device events, status and consumable component supplies so that prescribed actions in response to such monitored items can be implemented by the DMA itself, after communication of responsive data and services from the host.

The system of Mandal is concerned with "imaging" the data status, including software services, of a remote host to effectively provide a "snapshot" of the host software systems. The mirroring of such a snapshot status is not the active role that the Device Model Agent of the subject embodiments accomplish. The mirror communication of snapshot software status is distinct from monitoring the electroreprographic device events in order to prescribe predetermined actions corresponding to the monitored items. The DMA of the subject embodiments are now more particularly described to include operative features not taught or suggested in Mandal.

Concerning Ebner et al., Applicants do not dispute that it teaches communicating with the printing device through a device interface, but beyond this teaching, has no significant relevance to the subject embodiments.

CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, it is submitted all remaining claims (Claims 1-9 and 33) are now in condition for allowance. The foregoing comments do not require unnecessary additional search or examination.

This is an authorization under 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) to treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for extension of time, as incorporating a petition for the appropriate extension of time.

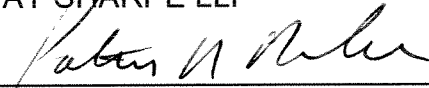
Applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) and request a THREE-MONTH extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Payment for the \$ 1,110.00 extension of time fee is authorized to be charged to a Credit Card. The fees are being submitted via EFS-Web. If the Credit Card is unable to be charged, please charge any and all fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-0308.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any filing or prosecution fees which may be required, under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17, and 1.21 (but not 1.18), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 24-0037.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, he/she is hereby authorized to call Patrick R. Roche, at Telephone Number (216) 363-9000.

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